| | States/Union Territories | Minimum Wages (Rs. / day) |
|---|---|---|
| 28. | Tripura | 35.00 |
| 29. | Uttar Pradesh | 47.00 |
| 30. | West Bengal | 48.14 (with meal)<br>51.34 (without meal) |
| 31. | Pondicherry | 19.25 to 40.20 |

**Contribution to Employees State Insurance**

1611. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last 19 years from 1977-78 to 1997-98 the contribution of Employees State Insurance to Government of Maharashtra for implementation of E.S.I. Scheme has fallen short and the balance share due from the E.S.I. Corporation is now Rs. 24 Crores; and

(b) why the amount has not been paid so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Based on the audit report the entire contribution of the ESI Corporation as admissible under the ESI Scheme has since been released to the Government of Maharashtra for the years upto 1993-94 and for 1995-96. In respect of 1994-95, an amount of Rs. 50.00 Lakh has been shown as payable. Action to examine this demand of the State Government has been initiated. The Corporation has also made on-account advance payment of Rs. 35.60 Crore for 1996-97, Rs. 44.90 Crore for 1997-98 and Rs. 54.37 Crore for 1998-99 to the Govt. of Maharashtra. The balance payment as admissible under the scheme will be made as and when the audit certificates from the Government of Maharashtra are received.

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†1612. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: